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This is further in response to the official action dated May 29, 2002, and in response to the notice of non-compliant amendment dated September 17, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the paragraph starting on page 2, line 25, and ending at page 3, line 7 and replace with the following:

B, -- Referring to the figure, there is shown a rod coupling 10 formed of a tubular housing 12 having a first box end 14 and a second box end 16. Each box end 14, 16 is threaded for receiving a corresponding pin 18, 20 of respective sucker rods 22, 24. Boxes and pins of sucker rods are well known in the art. The tubular housing 12 has an interior surface 26 defining a bore 28 extending along the tubular housing 12 from the first box end 14 to the second box end 16. The tubular housing 12 also has an exterior surface 30. Plural openings 32 extend transversely through the tubular housing 12 from the interior surface 26 to the exterior surface 30. The openings 32 may be provided in plural rows and are preferably distributed uniformly around the housing 12, for example at 120° spacing. The openings 32 should not be so numerous as to weaken the rod coupling 10 unduly. The rods 22, 24 and tubular housing 12 are made of conventional materials for the intended purpose. --